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REVIVAL PLAN FOR ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of ECL had prepared a revival plan for the Nirsa-Mugma Area in June 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was a programme to lessen the loss and to reach a break even point by 2000;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether the result has come opposite to the expectations; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the ECL in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b) : A revival plan of Mugma area was prepared in June 1997 which envisaged increase in coal production of the area from 16.97 lakh tonnes in 1996-97 to 23.22 lakh tonnes in 1998-99 with capital investment of Rs. 14.85 crores.

(c) & (d) : The revival plan envisaged that loss of the area would reduce from Rs. 95.86 crore (provisional) in 1996-97 to 48.47 crores in 1998-99.

(e) & (f) : Physical and financial parameters set in revival plan of Mugma area could not be achieved due to following reasons :-

i) Non availability of land in time and resistance by the local unions in rationalisation of manpower, transfer of surplus manpower to other areas and deployment of surplus manpower from surface to underground.

ii) Fund constraint.

iii) Due to heavy rain in October, 1999 a number of mines viz. incline 5 of Kumardhubi, Kapasara, Mandman, onesection of Gopinathpur, inclines 3 and 4 of Hariajan, B.P. incline of Lakhimata, B.P. seam of Chapapur Rajpura OCP and Barmuri OCPwere drowned. Again most of the mines of Mugma aea were drowned in September, 2000 causing stoppage of production at Badjna UG, Kapasara UG, Mandman UG, Nirsha OCP , Barmuri OCP and Rajpura OCP.

Optimisation of production from the existing working mines and dewatering of drowned mines on priority basis to start production are at present envisaged as measures to reduce the total loss of Mugma area.